

GIRL'S STORY LEADS TO WHITE SLAVERY ARREST

Robert Larson, the adopted son of a wealthy jeweler of Joliet, was placed under arrest by agents of the department of justice and is charged with violation of the Mann act. His arrest followed the story of Pearl Larson, who was brought before the morals court on March 1, charged with soliciting. Charles B. Peterson, the girl's attorney, had the case continued that he might investigate her story. She was discharged when he told Judge Goodnow that the bureau of investigation of the department of justice had taken up the case and would prosecute it.

Larson, it is charged, met the girl when she was a cashier in a five-cent show. He told her he was divorced recently and would marry her as soon as the year limit, fixed by the Illinois law, expired. She believed him and last December her parents sent her money enough to go back and visit them in Nebraska. He got enough money to accompany her. Arriving, they decided to say they were married. On the first of January they came back to Chicago. The girl's father paid their fare and gave them a small sum to start out housekeeping. The money was soon used. Larson refused to work.

"You go out on the streets and earn enough money to support us," Larson told the girl. "You know I can't work." Driven to desperation, Pearl did as she was told. Larson, she said, took her money away from her.

"One day Larson and his pal, Miller, brought up a Greek," the girl said: "The y tried to shake him down by staging the 'badger game.' Miller said he was my husband and threatened to have the Greek arrested. He seemed scared and told us he would go out and get some money. Instead of bringing back money he brought a cop. Larson and Miller got away but I was arrested."

Agents for the department of jus-

tice are now looking for Mille rand the Greek.

"I learned a few days ago that Larson's wife is in Chicago and that she had not even applied for a divorce," said Pearl. "She has not lived with her husband for some time and a large portion of the money which he took from me he sent to her. This was more than \$180."

Larson's foster parents have given him up.

"I have washed my hands of him," said the Joliet Jeweler. "He refuses to reform. He has disgraced himself since he was old enough to go to school."

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